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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Alexander Muniskin and Abraham Grossman

Serial No. To-Be-Determined Examiner: To-Be-Determined

Assignee: Q-RNA, INC. (formerly known as InVitro Diagnostics, Inc.)

For: Compositions, Methods, Kits and Apparatus for Determining the Presence or Absence of Target Molecules

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box NEW APP Washington, D.C. 20231

Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir:

In the application filed concurrently herewith, please introduce the following amendment prior to examining the application and before calculating the filing fees.

In the claims

Please cancel claim 10 without prejudice to the subject matter therein defined.

Remarks

No new matter has been added as a result of the present amendment. Applicants have cancelled claim 10 as being directed to subject matter that is about to issue in the parent application.

The present application has been filed with corrections made in the parent case by amendment and is identified as a continuation application.

Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted

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